# DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **Contractor License Revocations**

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 15 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, April 25. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at <a href="www.dpor.virginia.gov">www.dpor.virginia.gov</a> under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

## SHORE UNDERGROUND LLC EASTVILLE, VA

File Number 2006-01776

COMPLAINANT – Susan and John Nyberg (Belle Haven, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Shore Underground failed to execute a written contract prior to commencing work; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside its license specialty; failed to obtain written change orders; engaged in misconduct by failing to correct building code violations; engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705080907 and \$13,700 in fines.

# JEFFREY SCOTT MARTIN trading as J. SCOTT MARTIN CONSTRUCTION NEWPORT NEWS, VA

File Number 2006-02433

COMPLAINANT – Dana and David Czzowitz (Yorktown, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Martin failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in misrepresentation or false promises to influence, persuade or induce; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705087521 and \$7,550 in fines.

# GERALD T. SIMON trading as TARGET GROUP CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2006-00498

COMPLAINANT – James Snyder (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Simon failed to obtain written change orders and engaged in misconduct by failing to perform lead paint abatement properly.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705043531 and \$2,750 in fines.

### SIMONZ INC. trading as TARGET GROUP CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2006-00825

COMPLAINANT – Ellen and Robert Rey (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Simonz engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting by failing to perform lead paint abatement properly and engaged in misconduct by failing to provide required information about lead-based paint.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705091729 and \$2,250 in fines.

#### DONALD W. COTTERELL BUILDERS, INC.

CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2005-01955

COMPLAINANT – Chesapeake Department of Neighborhood Services

VIOLATIONS – Cotterell was convicted for failure to correct building code violations; failed to notify the Board of his misdemeanor conviction; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705037488 and \$2,000 in fines.

### FELICIA CABA trading as AMERICAN CRAFTSMEN RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2006-01467

COMPLAINANT – Rebecca and Mark Fair (Chester, VA)

VIOLATIONS – American Craftsmen failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside its class of license; failed to complete work for which it contracted; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and acted as ostensible licensee for undisclosed persons who controlled or directed business operations.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705086669 and \$7,900 in fines.

## JUAN CABA trading as BON AIR CONSTRUCTION RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2006-02978

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Contractors (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Caba engaged in misconduct by coercing another to obtain licensure so as to continue work while his license was suspended.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705066671 and \$900 in fines.

### THE COMPLEAT INTERIOR MIDLOTHIAN, VA

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File Number 2006-00056

COMPLAINANT – Dirk Philipsen (Bon Air, VA)

VIOLATIONS – The Compleat Interior failed to apply for new licensure upon termination of corporate status; failed to operate in the name in which its license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in misrepresentation or false promises to influence, persuade or induce; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705080768 and \$7,300 in fines.

# GREGORY SCOTT BELCHER trading as CHARLEY'S CUSTOM CONTRACTING CHARLES CITY, VA

File Number 2005-04240

COMPLAINANT – Linda Abrams (Mechanicsville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Belcher failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and failed to complete work for which he contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705085965 and \$1,750 in fines.

# REGGI R. HARRIS trading as REAL INNOVATIONS PALMYRA, VA

File Number 2006-01099

COMPLAINANT – Jane Mathers (Palmyra, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Harris failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside her class of license; failed to obtain written change orders; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705091467.

# ROBERT W. WILLIAMS, JR. trading as CARPENTER'S MEN CATHARPIN, VA

File Number 2005-03731

COMPLAINANT – Alison and Fred Worrall (Broad Run, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Williams failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; engaged in misconduct by failing to obtain required building permits; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705020153 and \$7,850 in fines.

## ERIK CALDWELL trading as CALDWELL HOME IMPROVEMENTS RESTON, VA

File Number 2005-04696

COMPLAINANT – Monica Billger (Alexandria, VA)

VIOLATION – Caldwell failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705089990 and \$5,500 in fines.

# JAMES A. HILES trading as KZA HOME IMPROVEMENT BOONES MILL, VA

File Number 2005-02359

COMPLAINANT – Ruth Crockett (Roanoke, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Hiles failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705068408.

## BARRY WENDELL KIDD trading as TWO KIDD'S LANDSCAPING PENHOOK, VA

File Number 2005-03710

COMPLAINANT – Janet Donahue (Wirtz, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Kidd engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; and practiced outside his class of license.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705050274.

# TRI-COUNTY EXCAVATING, INC. BANDY, VA

File Number 2006-00039

COMPLAINANT – Anthony Gibson (North Tazewell, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Tri-County failed to execute a written contract containing all required provisions; and failed to complete work for which it contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705076237.

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#### About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) regulates nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 100,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

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